

impossibilities of the conductor to require him to overcome such difficulties as these in the short time at his disposal; and indeed in some of the numbers, as for instance in the two glees, "*All among the Barley*," and "*Since first I saw your face*," both very well sung, he appeared to have nearly overcome them already.

The solos were on the whole well done. And several well deserved *encores* were responded to. We must in fairness take exception to Mr. Houghton's piano solo, which, possibly because it came so early in the evening that the performer had not warmed to his work, was not given so well as we expected it would be. He missed the sentiment of the composition, and played throughout in an exaggerated style. As an offset to this however his song from Sterndale Bennett's "*May Queen*" was well rendered and he played his own accompaniment remarkably well. Mr. Cochrane's solo would have given greater satisfaction had he not unfortunately commenced to play before he had [correctly] tuned his flute.

Still, when all is said, we must end, as we began by congratulating all the performers on the success of this concert. We feel sure that this Glee Club is the beginning of a really excellent and valuable society of which all students of the University should feel proud, and which they should encourage and aid by every means within their power.

#### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY

Feb. 4th—The resignation of Mr. Robertson as Secretary was accepted. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his services and Mr. F. D. Monk was elected in his stead. The following programme was then carried out:

Reading—Mr. Henderson, Debate—"Is the acquisition by England of the Khedive's stock in the Suez Canal likely to prove advantageous to Great Britain?" Affirmative: Messrs. Mac-Master and Trenholme; Negative: Messrs. Hall and Monk.

Feb. 12th—The subject for debate was: "Should the Legislative Council of Quebec be abolished?" Messrs. M. Lonergan, R. D. McGibbon, and Trenholme spoke on the affirm-

ative and Messrs. DeSalaberry and Corrigan sustained the negative. The Debate was adjourned for one week.

Mr. Hutchison then moved seconded by Mr. Robertson "That this Society do declare itself dissolved."

This motion, notice of which had been previously given, had excited much interest, as was evident from the large attendance. The mover in an able speech explained that his motive in making his motion was to reconstruct the Society on a purely political basis. Mr. Robertson succeeded him adducing many cogent reasons for the adoption of the motion and was followed by Mr. C. H. Stephens on the same side. These speakers were frequently interrupted and at one time there was great excitement. An amendment was proposed but was declared out of order. An adjournment of the discussion for one week was moved, and a three months hoist proposed in amendment, both being lost. The previous question was then moved and carried in the affirmative, and then followed a motion for adjournment which was lost. Finally Mr. Hutchison's motion was lost on a close division and the meeting adjourned at about half past eleven o'clock. Altogether the meeting was very interesting. The opponents of the motion made no remarks against it, preferring to defeat it on technical grounds.

We are glad to see that the discussion of Literary and Scientific subjects has not been eliminated from the exercises of the Society, and we trust that in future these subjects may receive more attention than has been accorded them in the past.

Feb. 18th—The debate on the abolition of the Quebec Legislative Council was continued. After much discussion the question was decided in the negative by a majority of one.

Feb. 25th—Reading, Mr. R. W. Wilson. Debate:—Should members of Parliament be indemnified for their services?

#### ATHLETICS.

We were much pleased to notice in the *Toronto Nation* of Feb. 18th an article on the above subject written in a manly spirit and